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JOINT EMBASSY/USFK MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MARR MCAP UNGA KS

SUBJECT: LOWERING OF UNC PROFILE

REF: (A) STATE 182836 (B) SEOUL 5867

1. POLCOUNS AUGUST 6, 7 AND 10 PRESSED MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR YI FOR ROKG REACTION TO PROFILE-LOWERING PROPOSALS IN REF A. ON AUGUST 10 YI SAID THAT RESPONSE WOULD PROBABLY BE READY "WITHIN DAY OR TWO."

2. REGARDING LOWERING UN FLAGS, WE AGREE WITH LOWERING THOSE FLAGS DISPLAYED IN THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION AND SUBORDINATE UNITS AND US AIR DEFENSE UNITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REF B. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT AGREE THAT FLAGS SHOULD BE LOWERED AT HEADQUARTERS 38TH AD BDE CINCUNC OPCON LINES TO ROK AIR DEFENSE UNITS PASS THRU HQ 314TH AD TO CDR 38TH AD BDE TO ROKA AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. THIS HQS IS THEREFORE CLEARLY IN THE UN COMMAND LINES AND SHOULD REMAIN IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE UN COMMAND UNTIL SUCH TIME UNC DISSOLUTION TAKES PLACE.

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3. REGARDING HONOR GUARD (REF A. PARA. 7) THIS IS ONE OF FEW MANIFESTATIONS OF MULTILATERAL NATURE OF UNC. TO ABOLISH IT WOULD ERASE ONE VISIBLE SIGN THAT THE UNC IS NOT TOTALLY SYNONYMOUS WITH US FORCES. MOREOVER, HONOR GUARD PROVIDES RATIONALE FOR CONTINUED STATIONING OF BRITISH, THAI AND PHILIPPINE TROOPS IN ROK. ABOLISHING GUARD WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO DEPARTURE OF AT LEAST THAIS AND FILIPINOS, THUS FURTHER ERODING MULTILATERAL NATURE OF UNC. (MOREOVER, IF THAIS LEAVE ROK, THEY MAY BE INCLINED ALSO TO PULL THAI AIR FORCE (RTAF) UNIT OUT OF JAPAN. RTAF DET IN JAPAN IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUATION OF UN SOFA THERE.) WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE AIM OF LOWERING THE UNC PROFILE, WE DO NOT THINK THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE WHAT LITTLE REMAINS OF THE MULTINATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE UNC. WE THUS RECOMMEND NO INITIATIVE TO PHASE OUT HONOR GUARD AT THIS TIME.  
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